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Passing the Hat

ASSING the hat, passing the hat! Some one forever gets busy at that! Oh, It seems useless to struggle and strain, all our endeavor is hopeless and vain; when we have gathered a small, slender roll, hoping to lay in some cordwood or coal, hoping to purchase some flour and some spuds, hoping to pay for the ready made duds, hoping to purchase a bone for the cat, some one comes cheerfully passing the hat! Passing the hat that the bums may be warm, passing the hat for some noble reform, passing the hat for the fellow who fails passing passing the hat! Passing the hat that the bums may be warm, passing the hat for some noble reform, passing the hat for the fellow who fails, passing the hat to remedel the pail, passing the hat for this or for that, some one forever is passing the hat! Dig up your bundle and hand out your roll—if you don't give you are lacking a soul! What if the feet of your children are bare What if your wife has no corast to wear? What if your granuy is weeping for shoes? What if the grocer's demanding his dues? Some one will laugh at such logic as that, some one who's merrily passing the hat! Passing the hat for the pink lemonade, passing the hat for a moral crusade, passing the hat to extinguish the rat—some one forever is passing the hat!

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WALT MASON.

It Can't Be Dodged

L PASO'S greatest problem is now, has been for 20 years, and will be until it is equarely faced and seriously grappled with, the problem of Chihuahuita-in other words, the problem of the Spanish speaking people of very moderate or exceedingly limited means, the small wage earners and their families.

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El Pasoans may yawn, they may wonder why The Herald so persistentive keeps this question before the public, they may (some of them) denounce The Herald for continuing to spread the unwelcome and unflattering facts before the world; but they cannot dodge the problem of Chihushuita, they cannot diminish by one jot its serious menace, they cannot escape its destructive and wasteful effects upon themselves, their children, their business, and their fortune.

The very highest duty of the people of El Paso, and of all their governmental agencies and officials, is to deal adequately with this paramount problem without further delay. And this is said without special reference to any official dereliction in the past, for the whole city is responsible; the whole city must awake, the whole city must demand action, and the whole city must pay.

The problem naturally divides itself into two parts: First, the health side; he second, the economic side. In both parts it is a problem of waste—festful, continuous, unnecessary waste. It is a problem of waste of life, waste of health, waste of energy, waste of skill, waste of productive power, waste of health, waste of energy, waste of skill, waste of productive power waste of health, in the problem, unfortunately, a race question is involved. It is useless to try to deny it. The Herald has not been so blind as to fail to recognize that it does exist and has existed in recent years, to a degree that was not true in earlier days. It is a said thing, indeed, that this spirit has been allowed to rice. It spells grave misfortune for the city, if it be not stifled and kept stifled. There people are our people, they are here to stay, their problems are our problems, and let it never be-said that the English speaking people sought to raise any barrier. t never be-said that the English speaking people sought to raise any barrier.

As to the health side of the problem: Here are a few figures, taken from offirial reports. The death rate in the English speaking section, especially in what is called the "north side," is low, and compares well with any other city, as it should. El Pass has pure water, pure milk, pure food, pure air, and every other natural and artificial aid to health and long and abundant life. Allowing for the large number of nonresidents who come here in extreme stages of illness and there is no result of the large number of nonresidents who come here in extreme stages of illness and die here there is no result of that should not have and die here, there is no reason why El Paso, except for that, should not have the lewest death rate in the United States.

The city of Minneapolis (not the healthiest city, though excellent) has a death rate of 10.56 per 1000 for residents, or 11.58 for the whole population including nonresidents who died there (calendar year 1913). These rates are based on the census estimate of 333,000 pepulation, which is probably too low, but if a larger population figure were taken, obviously it would lower the apparent death rate.

Apparent death rate.

Now we shall compare these rates with El Paso's (1914) taking the most favorable population estimate, that is 60,000, although the census estimate for the year was less than 80,000. Taking the higher figure tends to reduce the death rate; but even on this basis, which is probably excessive for the actual city limits, the death rate in El Paso on the most favorable calculation was 19.5 for residents, or 26.7 for the whole population including nonresidents who died here. If the census estimate be used, say 50,000 (city limits in 1914), it makes the local death rate 23 for residents, or 32 for the whole population including nonresidents who died here.

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The Herald will refrain from making general comparisons at this time; it is enough for the present to say that El Paso's death rate is double, or more than

double, that of Minneapolis.

Last year in El Paso, 379 children under a year old, died. But Minneapolis had only 507 deaths of children under a year old, and using the 50,000 population figure for El Paso, and the 333,000 figure for Minneapolis, or say a ratio of 5.1-2 times, it is easy to calculate that El Paso's infant death rate was 3.1-2

Minneapolis had 107 infants to die of intestinal disease, but El Paso had nearly three times as many, according to the unofficial estimate of the city health office; so that El Pano's death rate of infants from intestinal troubles is approximately 15 times that of Minneapolis. Again we remind the reader that these excessive death rates are referable to Chihushuita, or the Spanish speaking wage-earners' colony, but does that really excuse us from culpability?

By what mental twist can any citizen really detach himself from this problem and tell himself he has no responsibility?

With these striking comparisons, The Herald will leave the public health question with readers over Sunday, and proceed to discuss briefly another phase of the problem. It is a mistake to think or speak of the Chihuahuita population of the problem. It is a mistake to think or speak of the Chihuahuita population as if it were a pauper population. It is not; it is far from it. Exceptional conditions this winter have created unusual drafts upon relief agencies, but as a general rule the Chihuahuita population is to a greater extent self supporting, and makes fewer calls on public or private relief agencies, than does the corresponding element in the population in any other important city.

Every merchant knows that these people are among the most constant patrons of his store; that they buy carefully and pay their bills. Every real estate man and landlord knows that they are steady tenants and regular rent

payers, as a class. Even the hundreds of families of women and children, whose natural providers are away, have in most cases a regular income, either from the employment of the women and children in the city, or from regular remittauces from the men of the family.

The postmaster states as an interesting fact that thousands of dollars every

month are remitted here in money orders to Mexican families by men working

for railroads and industries in the north, west, and southwest, in a variety of states. Did you ever think of this phase of Chihushuita?

It is a mistake to look upon Chihushuita as a financial drain on the city; on the contrary, it is a tremendously valuable source of industrial energy, of productive power, of regular service, and of ready money. This line of thought

The King of Italy

with another divinely appointed nuisance.

However, with the general rise of modern face, such as the ballet, the unbreakable constitution and the treasury time lock, there has been a marked change in kings. For the last half century kings have been working harder to hold their jobs than section hands. No enlightened country would think of harboring a king nowadays who did not obey the constitution and by-laws of his country and show overy analety to pleame his employers.

The king of Italy is a fine example of momented his business, his father haslog been king Humbert. When Victor Emmanuel Hi, and was born in his business, his father haslog been king Humbert. When Victor Emmanuel was a boy be lived in a palace and was saluted with reverence by wise old men, but that was about all the rin he got out of it. In order to hold down his future job he had to take a university degree, serve in the army, acquire a large asortment of languages, hard has been a connoisseur in art, perfect in diplomacy, finance, statesmanship care in the age of sixty with indigestion and a statel full of automobiles, thus to be a king, and to work wearily on in the jate eighties walling for death to come a round and punch the time clock.



The Daily Novelette THE WAY IT HAPPENED.

How beautiful the rivals were, All dressed in brilliant hues, One had her frills all done in green, The other had the blues.

THE trolley car was rambling along This trolley car was rameling stong amisbly as the charming young thing in Theodore blue moved up bree seats and ant 'longside of the biarming young thing in Woodrow Tang about the first of May; "We wish that Surie'd sent us seeds that Serbia's soil could grow." charming young thing in Woodrow

"Excuse me," began the charming oung thing in Theodore blue. Certainly said the c. y, t, in Wood-

w green.
"You are very fascinating," went on
n c. y. t. in Theodore blue.
The c. y. t. in Woodrow green blushed comingly. "Ob, I don't know," she said mod-

"Oh, I don't know," she said modsity.

"You are, and I have a favor to ask
f you. Now I have been rold that I,
oo, am fascinating, but never, never
as that happened to me which hapened to you as you entered the car,
ind I want you to tell me how to make
syrelf so fascinating that it will hapen to me also."
"To what do you allude?" queried
he c. y. t. in Woodrow green.
"You got on the car just in front of
ne, and I distinctly saw the conductor
ass you in without taking your fare,
shough he was careful enough to take
sine, goodness knows. How do you
o it."
"It's very simple," explained the c. y.

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In Woodrow green. "I always ride in
the car that my husband is considerer
of."

And the c.y. t. in Theodore blue, terv relieved to learn that it had not to due to superior fascination, again and Strip maly thanked the c. v. t. in Woodgreen and returned to her own Lusitania.

London's "Never Forget" League to Aid Soldiers When Peace Returns

London, Eng., Feb. 13.—London has organized the "Never Forget League." Its purpose is to aid soldiers and sallors who find themselves out of employment when the war is over. Thirty thourand leaflets of the organization have been distributed, and 15,000 persons have already promised to wear the purple ribbon of the league, binding themselves to support the men who return from the front just as loyally as they are supporting them now.

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It is a district the practical ways to meet that need; and it will also outline a general work in other directions for Chibmahuita, that is pracedical and well within our means. And also, at another time, The Herald will rake up roce more the educational phase, the need and well within our means. And also, at another time, The Herald will rake up from control to the production of race prejudice, and will use as a text two letters recently received, which sates rather brutally the attitude of our citizens in this connection. The Herald purposes to look into the qualities of character, and the connection. The Herald purposes to look into the qualities of character, and the connection. The Herald purposes to look into the qualities of character, and the connection. The Herald purposes to look into the qualities of character, and the connection. The Herald purposes to look into the qualities of character, and the connection. The Herald purposes to look into the qualities of character, and the connection of th

More Truth Than Poetry By JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

The movement to aid agriculture among the Serbs might be helped along by an extra verse entitled:

Rare Judgment.

You ngust hand it to the bandit Who, intent on ill-got gain, Finance a bold nocturnal holdup Of a southbound Palm Beach train.

If the train were going northward, as we hardly need to state, "Twould have been another case of "Baffled bundit comes too late!"

Three Rousing Cheers! At last our flag is on the sea."

He Can't, But He Does. A Boston paper tells us that every man can't expect to hold an office. It was a poor lawyer who told the man in jail that they couldn't put him there.

days of the term of W. P. Lane as state controler, according to R. H. Humphrey, liquor permit clerk under controler Terrell, who has just completed checking up the liquor permit book. This will be a surprise, as the general impression was that controler Lane for several weeks had adopted the policy of holding up all applications for permits for action by his successor. Et Paso new has approximately 150 saloons.

"Less than a dozen original permits have been issued by the present controler, said Mr. Humphrey. The polloy of the department is to investigate thoroughly all applications before issuing permits."

-Abe Martin-



with the chamber of commerce at since to claim the concludes. If there is anything you do not see that you want or anything you do not see that you want to anything you do not see that you want to make that it is possibly obscure person that the pelitentery, making the 12th and complete of the bearing of the pelitentery, making the 12th and complete of the bearing of the pelitentery, making the 12th want of the pelitentery, making the 12th and complete of the bearing of the pelitentery, making the 12th and complete of the bearing of the pelitentery, and the pelitentery, and the pelitentery, and the pelitentery making the 12th and complete of the bearing of the person life of the man complete of the pelitentery, and the pelitentery and the pelitentery, and the pelitentery making the 12th and the pelitentery, and the pelitentery making the 12th and the pelitentery making

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

Y legal residence is the Shel-don hotel, and not outside the city limits," said Etri Orndorff today, when asked for a statement relative to the charge of W. H. Burges that he has no right to vote in the city. "We have a country home on Dyer street, outside the city limits," continued Mr. Orndorff, "but my legal residence is Hotel Sheldon. My family and I live there often and we eat regmiarly as often at the hotel as at the ularly an often at the hotel as at the residence. At one time, not so long ago, we lived at the hotel for severimogths at a stretch. We reserve a suite of rooms permanently in the hotel for our own use. Mayor Kelly knows this, for he has entertained his friends in them. Mr. Burges says the schools are not in polities, yet he is now possessed of a letter which I sont to the school board relative to the tuition charged me for my little girls. I did not request a reduction of taxes, as he says, but I wrote the hoard relative to tuition charges and inside of a week the letter was turned over to Mr. Burges."

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strong when an investment is consideration of the liquor and the same of condens of the best payed and worst affect simple city in Texas," said F. Gaodson Grey, of Fort Worth. "If Pascams prebably don't notice this, as they have become familiar with the street, or house, outside the centre of the city. I arrived here a week ago and the other night had occasion to look up a house in the Covernment Hill section. The auto driver was "green" and it was a case of getting out every block or so and striking matches to see the lettering on the curbs. Even this makeshift street lettering has been omitted in some parts."

as "In spits of the frequent interruptions of the mission work in Mexico of by the various revolutions, the work in the sourcers quient of political eleminate the ripe of the workers has been the attitude of the people toward the mission, for, with all the distinctions caused by the wars, the people are more responsive than usual to the efforts of the missionaries among them."

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Chamber of Commerce Chamber of Commerce in the city has approximated.

The Fixer.

Poor Tafi! He didn't have a secretary of state he could send out to Winona to outare him after that speech.

Rusiness of Sweeping the Seas.

Britainin is determined to rule the waves even if she has to fig the Stars and Stripes to do it.

*Flying from the Jackstaff of H. M. S. Lusitania.

*MANY NEW PERMITS ISSUED

FOR SALOONS IN EL PASO

An Austin dispatch to the San Antonio Express sanys: Twenty-four original induce permits were granted to El Paso, saloon men during the last 19

days of the term of W. P. Lane as state

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propriete a sum one-half of that appropriated by the city."

"El Paso impresses me very favorably," said H. D. Ross, recently of Bisbee, Ariz. "It has a metropolitan air, borns out by well paved streets and imposing buildings, as well as by modern stores and heavy traffic. It is ertainly far above any other city in the southwest and seems destined to be a much larger and greater city."

"One big feason why I wish to make the Y. M. C. A. bexathlon a success in El Paso is that the recards will be published all over the country and show people elsewhere what we hare," said A. L. Hoim. "When I started for El Paso I expected to find cowboys riding like mad through the streets whooping. I also expected to nee indians in full regulia and steers roaming through the streets. And I expected to find very little paving. These opinions were shared by many casterners, particularly in the New England states."

Meals Served by Labor Unions in Paris For Ten Cents Elaborate Affairs

Paris, France, Feb. 12.—The meals which the labor unions of the Siene have succeeded in giving for six and len coats at their popular restaurants are now quite elaborate:

At moon, soup, a plate of meal, a gines of wine and bread without limit. At might, a soup, a vegetable, a glass of wine and bread without limit. For ten coats they give soup, ulate of meat, plate of vegetables, a cheese or a dessert, a glass of wine and all the bread one wants.

HAVE NEARLY 1000 ROOMS FOR CATTLEMEN; MORE ARE WANTED

Students of the El Paso Schools

NANY of the school rooms Friday afternoon Valentine boxes were place! for the pupils Congress gave a valentine gift of statehood to New Mexico and Arizona on February 14, 1912, and El Pasoans can remember the joint statchood celebration that was held here for that event—that added two more stars to our national flag.

The pupils of the low fifth grade of the Vilas school, taught by Miss Alberta Heep, are:

Walton Berkshire. Isldor Goodman. Cullen Hubburd. William Bulger. Burl Cobb. Eddie Hunter. Melville Chernis. Harris Jones. Billie Cocke. Ospar Kerr. Kuno Doerr. David Morriss. Frank Melance. Rennie Erlich.

Albert Outzs. Bruce Powers. John Robinson. Alfonso Terrazus, Frank Wolverton. Harvey Wallen. Josquin Gaziola.

Terrell McKenzie. I'hillips tiibson. Oscar Nelson. The pupils of the second low fifth grade will appear Monday.

Letters To The Herald

[All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested].

Frank Flosi.

CLINE GETS 99 YEARS AS

RESULT OF DEPUTY'S MURDER

FRENCH DEPUTIES PASS BILL PROHIBITING ABSINTHE SALE

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

"THE NAKED TRUTH."

and his associates to Join hands with all other organizations that Jook to ward the good of a greater Il Pase. This was atrikingly illustrated in the appointment of honorary members from the Rotary club and the Adetob upon all the standing committees of the chamber.

Another innovation of provident orn-dorff's is the weekly directors' iunohean. President Orndorff announced that he desired the beard to meet, as his goests, every Treeday, but the members upon innovation of provident orn-dorff's is the weekly directors' iunohean. President Orndorff announced that he desired the beard to meet, as his goests, every Treeday, but the members upon innovation of provident orn-dorff's is the weekly directors' iunohean. President Orndorff to assume the burden individually. Tolis by the way, is this settled rule, past, present and friure, as all luncheous dimers and operations of the common dimers and operations of the common dimers and operations of the common dimers and the chamber. This has never been the case. The link the beard of the chamber. This has never been the case. The individual attending have always paid their way.

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There are no sulkers in the tents of the new board, all are suggressive and bent upon making the seganlization all their way.

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A two set Kalem production entitled. The Affair of the Deserted House, will be the headliner today at the Silou. Buth Helland, one of the Kalem stars, does some great work in this acture. A good comedy will also he in the bill. The Eljou shows only the est.